

# **IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 18th 2007**

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## **AFRI 75**

The AFRI 75 web page is available on the IRTS web site at [www.irts.ie/afri75](http://www.irts.ie/afri75)

Daniel Hubbard ZS6JR, who is providing the equipment in Swaziland for the Afri75 DXpedition, will be testing it on Friday the 23rd and Saturday 24th of February using the following times;

1800 UTC on 14.208 MHz, 1900 UTC on 7.058 MHz and 2000 UTC 1.848 MHz. If there is no response on 160 metres then he will try again at 20:15 on 3.788 MHz.

There will be a possible variation in the proposed frequencies.

It is hoped to have everything operational by Friday the 23rd of February. He will be testing new equipment and may not have everything up and running by the Friday evening, but will repeat the above schedule for Saturday evening. This may also be interrupted by the occasional electrical storm.

Callsign will be 3DA0WW and Daniel will ask occasionally for EI stations the other hams that will be with him are, Mac ZS6BDS and HAL ZS6WB who may also wish to operate for short periods. EI's might care to be QRV to hear how he sounds or reply to his calls for EI.

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## **AREN News**

On the 20th of January, National Co-ordinator of AREN, John Ketch (EI2GN), accompanied by Assistant co-ordinator John Ronan (EI7IG) attended the Irish Mountain Rescue Conference. Core to the presentation by the Lakeland Mountain Rescue team, was a discussion on "GPS real-time mapping of search parties". The presentation by Dave Binks highlighted their initial experiments with APRS, and then, due to restrictions of their licensing conditions, how they developed, with the support of Team Simoco, a GPS mapping solution targeted towards Mountain Rescue. It was a very informative presentation as was the subsequent chat. AREN would like to thank SEMRA for extending the invitation for AREN delegates to attend.

Coverage testing for a proposed new repeater site west of Clonakilty will be carried

out in the coming week. This will involve mobile operation on the 2 Metre band from predefined locations on a specific route. A minimum of three operators and 3 drivers will be required. Any members interested in helping out should contact Conor EI4JN.

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### **Return of Trophies**

Congratulations to the winners of IRTS trophies for Contests and Awards, at the 2006 AGM. Please note that the deadline for return of Trophies is the 11th of March. This is to allow time for up dating engraving, and any minor repairs, which may be needed. Trophies may be returned to any IRTS Committee Member before that date, or to the IRTS stand at the Limerick RC Rally, on the 11th of March, or by post to EI4HX at QTHR.

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### **Shannon Basin Radio Club Sprint Challenge.**

The Shannon Basin Radio club request that all logs for the 2006 Sprint challenge be submitted by the end of February 2007, either by post to the contest Manager Noel Mulvihill, Hillquarter, Coosan, Co Westmeath, or by E-Mail to "nfmulvihill at eircom dot net".

Shannon Basin Radio Club would like to thank all for participating in the challenge, and wish them the best of luck with the results.

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### **South Dublin Radio Club**

The Experimenter's Classes are on going in SDR, and have recently started from the beginning again. The classes run on Tuesday nights between 20:00-22:00 for the forthcoming exam in late June. All are welcome.

The South Dublin Radio Club annual general meeting will take place on Tuesday the 13th of March at the club's premises on the Marian Road in Rathfarnham.

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### **South Eastern Amateur Radio Group**

The Annual General Meeting of South Eastern Amateur Radio Group will take place at 8.00 p.m. on Wednesday the 28th of February in the Roanmore Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford.

All are welcome and members are asked to attend.

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## **Rallies**

The following rallies are scheduled to take place during March and April 2007. First comes the Limerick Rally, which is in the Greenhills Hotel on Sunday the 11th of March. Later that month, on Saturday 24th of March, the Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society holds its rally in Lisburn. The date Lough Erne Amateur Radio Show has been changed to Sunday the 22nd of April at the Share Centre Lisnaskea Co. Fermanagh.

The IRTS AGM and Rally takes place on Sunday the 22nd of April in the Vienna Woods Hotel, Cork, with the AGM Dinner on the previous night. More details of these events are in the current issue of Echo Ireland and on the "Rallies and Events" page of [www.irts.ie](http://www.irts.ie)

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Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark Wall, EI7IS at QTHR or by phone to 051-853806 or 087-6302026. Items for the radio news can also be faxed to 087 5 6302026. News should be submitted via e-mail to "news at irts dot ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Friday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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